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1. DURING SOVIET MINISTER COUNSELOR VASEV'S SEPT. 3 CALL, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT OUTSTANDING PROPERTY QUESTIONS IN KIEV HAD BEEN RESOLVED AND THAT ADVANCE PARTIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES WERE CLOSE TO ESTABLISHMENT. HE TOLD VASEV THAT US WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SOVIETS ABOUT THE TIMING AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE GROUPS. ARMITAGE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE OUR PLANS FOR THE RECONFIGURATION OF OUR KIEV OFFICE BUILDING AND THAT WE HOPE SOVIETS WILL BEGIN WORK PROMPTLY SO THAT WORK WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN SIMULTANEOUSLY ON THE SOVIET BUILDING IN NEW YORK. REFERRING TO SOVIET NOTE OF SEPT. 2 (REFTEL), ARMITAGE EMPHASIZED, PER GARRISON VORONTSOV LETTER OF JUNE 18, 1975, THE US CANNOT AUTHORIZE THE BEGINNING OF THE SOVIET
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BUILDING RENOVATION IN NEW YORK UNTIL RENOVATIONS TO THE

US BUILDING BEGIN IN KIEV. VASEV REPLIED THAT HE WOULD
ADVISE CHARGE VORONTSOV WHO WAS BETTER INFORMED ABOUT THIS
MATTER. ROBINSON

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